

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:204

ANSWERED ON:09.05.2016

City Gas Distribution Network

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the existing City Gas Distribution (CGD) including Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)/Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network in the country including the number of households/industrial units covered in various cities through these networks along with the rate of supply of these fuels, State/UT-wise;
 - (b) whether the Government has received proposals/demands from various States for developing CGD networks including CNG/PNG in their States and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise;
 - (c) whether the Government has fixed any target for providing PNG to every household and CNG for vehicles in major cities in the country;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof including the cities identified along with the steps taken/being taken to achieve the said targets in a time bound manner, State/UT-wise; and
 - (e) the achievement made by the Government during the last three years for providing PNG to every household in the country, State/UT-wise?
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Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.204 REGARDING CITY GAS DISTRIBUTION NETWORK ASKED BY SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN AND SHRI PINAKI MISRA, MPs TO BE ANSWERED ON MAY 09, 2016

(a) The details of existing City Gas Distribution Networks (CGD) across the country including the number of households/industrial units covered in each of the cities (State-wise) along with the rates of Piped Natural Gas (PNG)/ Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), State/UT-wise is at Annexure.

(b) to (d): Under the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) Act, 2006, the Government has established PNGRB which is the statutory authority to grant licenses for the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) network. The CGD network includes CNG/PNG network also. Requests are received from various State Governments from time to time. Based on these requests, PNGRB has been considering the entire district as a Geographical Area (GA) for development of CGD network so that PNG/CNG services can be made available in the cities and other parts of the district. PNGRB has notified the relevant regulatory framework for processing Expression of Interest (EoI) submitted by interested entities to develop CGD networks in any part of country. Subsequently, PNGRB grants license for developing CGD network through competitive bidding process. The GAs are included in bidding rounds in a phased manner depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity/natural gas availability and feasibility for grant of authorization to develop CGD network in the country. PNGRB has carried out 6 rounds of CGD bidding for award of development of CGD networks in different parts of the country.

(e): Government has prioritized the domestic gas allocation for CGD entities and has also issued guidelines wherein the entire requirement of CGD entities for PNG (domestic) segment is being met through domestic gas.